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Services Division
Satellite Committee

(Meeting of 27 February 1957)

25X1A9a [REDACTED] of S/CST discussed construction Problems facing the Satellites. It was pointed out that the construction problems existing in most countries have a great similarity in character.

The three inputs of the construction industry, labor, material and equipment were discussed in that order. The problems of distribution, planning, organization, and operations occurring in the US were compared with those of the Sov Bloc, and examples were cited. It was concluded that the basic problem of the USSR and the Satellites is that of any nation which desires to increase its output faster than its population increases. It was also concluded that, in relative terms, the Satellite countries are making quite significant progress despite their failure to complete all their construction plans as scheduled.

At the meeting on 6 March, current events will be discussed.

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